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## WHITE RATS.

A Colored Woman takes the Snow-White Rat for a Bear. The Pied Piper of Hamelin should ever take it into his head to go to Washington a visit, he would find that he had a rival already installed there, and the field fairly occupied. The rival in question is Sarah Baker, a colored woman, who lives in Georgetown, near the junction of Congress street and the canal. She raises white rats, not for sale or profit, but merely for the love of the rats, some of whom she and her four-footed, long-tailed proteges reside, in a quiet apartment, filled up with cages, not one over the other, and scores, if not hundreds, of the pinched, snow-furred rodents, making up such a full vision as would ruin the taste of the best saloon in Washington, if the customers had to pass through it on their way after a drink.

The rats are all the descendants of two or three pairs, and were given to the woman a year or two ago. They multiplied and increased, and, declining to kill any of them, Mrs. Baker provided new cages, as the rats filled up their old quarters, until now it takes her the better part of her spare time to feed and attend to the wants of her flea-bitten family.

The rats all know her, and all come to the front of their cages and take food from between her lips, or if given the liberty of the room, some of the complacent old fellows will sit up right in the palm of her hand and wash their faces and comb out their whiskers with the gravity of a burgomaster.

## THE ILLS WE HAVE.

The Boaster Who Grewed at the Tough Beef Had to Cave In.

He didn't pay his hotel bill, with that degree of regularity which entitled him to kick at the man, yet he did that sort of thing now and then, and sometimes it evoked happily, but not always. Yesterday the roast beef was appalling in its irreparable toughness, and after a violent effort on his part to make an impression on it with the knife he laid the weapon down and gave it a kick in the direction of the landlady. What it was doing with no, but there was that in it to anger her, and her face grew hard.

"Well, what's the matter with you?" she said curtly.

"It's this beef," he said, half in doubt and about seven-eighths in fear. "What's wrong with it?"

"It's so tough I can't eat it."

"You'll eat that or nothing?" she said in a tone which almost showed him up to the table.

He picked up the knife again, re-examined it.

"I'll eat the beef," he replied, "for I'm not a coward. It's tougher than this," and as he saved away at it once more the lady looked at him in amazement. "I wonder if he hasn't said something that somehow wasn't just what it ought to be."

## THE GUM HABIT.

It Depends on the Point of View in Dealing With the Gum Habit.

"It beats all how the gum habit is growing," the passenger in the snuff-colored coat was saying. "There are not less than half a dozen young women in this car chewing gum."

"I see," answered the passenger with the heavy gold watch-chain. "Well, I can say one thing: I never chew it."

"Neither do I. It's a detestable habit."

"And it doesn't do anybody any good. It's not only offensive but utterly profitless."

"Profitless? I'm not so sure of that. By the way, I am just starting with my family for a tour through Europe. We shall be gone about six months."

"What has that got to do with the gum-chewing habit?"

"Nothing except that I'm the proprietor of a chewing gum factory."

## A Metal Corpse.

A workman named Morality was engaged in casting metal for the manufacture of a statue at Woodstock, Tenn., when he lost his balance and fell into a huge iron containing twelve tons of molten steel. The metal was at white heat, and, of course, the unfortunate man was instantly consumed in a time less than it takes to tell it. The English respect for the dead is praiseworthy enough, but in this instance it was carried to a ridiculous extreme. The solemn old fogies of the war department held a conference and decided not to profane the dead by using the steel in the manufacture of ordnance, and that enormous chunk of metal was actually interred, and a Church of England clergyman read services for the dead over it.

## Came Back to the Newspaper.

Harold Smith left the newspaper business for a time, and began speculating. He was at first so successful that he told his old friend, Paton, who was then also a newspaper man, that he did not intend to return to the old business. "You can make more in a day in Wall street," he said, "than I can in a year in a newspaper office." "True," said Paton; "anybody can do that. The thing is to make more in a year in Wall street than you can in a newspaper office." Soon afterward, Mr. Smith took another editorial position.

## The Mississippi River.

It has been estimated by competent civil engineers that the Mississippi river annually discharges to the Gulf of Mexico 600,000 cubic feet of water into the Gulf of Mexico. Of this prodigious quantity the one-twentieth part is sediment. Thus it will be seen that the Mississippi annually deposits enough mud in the Gulf to cover a square mile of surface to a depth of 360 feet.

## A BABY BEAR.

An Interesting Addition to the Washington Zoo.

It is a small bear to be born in Washington, and this is what this baby bear, a little bear, is a little bear. It is a mother bear, a big black bear that was found in the Yellowstone park, and it is a good-sized animal. The baby only weighs eleven ounces, and is about the size of an average rat. Its weight at birth is not known, as the young bear's entry into the world was not generally known, even to the intimate friends of the family, but it lay concealed in the slushy hair of its mother.

The baby also had a brother or sister, but unfortunately mother bear was somewhat careless in stepping about or rolling about and smothered the poor little thing at an early stage in its career. Mother bear made ample arrangements for the reception of the little stranger, and the babies' trousseau consisted of a deep nest made principally of hay. This is arranged in one corner of the cage, and the mother and the baby struggle down in the soft mass and appear to be comfortable and happy. Baby bear has already shown evidences of a decided character, and squalls lustily whenever it feels hungry or has cold, or any other ailment that is apt to make people disagreeable. The noise it makes is more like a cat than anything else.

It is supposed that the bear will open its eyes in the course of three weeks from birth. The mother has a decided objection to any one except the keeper approaching the cage. She is apt to take the baby up in her mouth and carry it around. Thus far the little one has depended on the nourishment that is received from his mother, and he has shown no ill habits, and rings the dinner bell with a regularity that would be appropriate in a more orderly house.

## AND THE BELT RAN OFF.

An Englishman Stopped Enough Not to Scare at the Proper Time.

There was a very green Englishman at Butte City, Mont., who was talking about purchasing land near by for a new ranch, and as he strolled around the depot the half-dressed drummer who happened to meet there put up a job on him. One of them borrowed a coat and hat of a rancher, took the cartridges out of his revolver, and the drummer suddenly jumped into the waiting room and yelled:

"Whoop! I'm a cantankerous old fighter from the land of the Fighting Creek! I'm half horse and half alligator! I'm down on everything that walks on two legs, particularly Englishmen. What's the blooming Briton who called me a liar?"

"What's the row about?" enquired the Englishman, as he came to a halt and faced about.

"Whoop! I've hit three wars and kept a graveyard of my own the most of the time," shouted the terror as he danced around. "Down on your narrow bones and beg my pardon if you want to live two minutes longer."

"Not if I know it," drawled the Briton, cool as ice, and he squared off and landed a thumper on the drummer's nose, which piled him over among the stacks of pots and dished him so that he could not speak for next five minutes. We had to hold the 'foreigner' to keep him from following up, and when the drummer had been spozed off and brought to rest at the depot, he was still there, and he slowly remarked:

"When you fellows get through being tickled perhaps you can explain at just what stage of the game the belt ran off."

## Lower Chests of Other Days.

In Holland the lower chest, once formed a part of every bride's equipment. Less portable, but more slightly than the 'Saratoga' trunk, it fulfilled its purpose with grace and beauty, and was as a relic from generation to generation. The modern chest is as easy thing to secure, but these up-to-date girls hold in disdain: her chest 'must be English or French, make, or elaborate, and filled with marquetrie of colored woods and dated or initialed with figures and characters elegant in other times and manners. There are very few of the genuine old-fashioned 'dower chests' to be seen on this side of the Atlantic. One of them in Buffalo is a very massive affair, weighing several hundred pounds.

## Plenty of Honor in This.

It is supposed that business letters are deficient in honor. Still there have been exceptions, and the very latest, sent by a member of the well-known soap-making firm (let us say) of Calk & Son, is one of the most brilliant. A retail dealer in a small way had sent for a consignment of their goods: 'Gentlemen' (he writes), 'wherefor have you not sent me the soap I have ordered? I think my money is not as good as money elsewhere. Dam you, Calk & Son! wherefor have you not sent the soap? Please send soap at once, and oblige your respectful servant, Richard Jones, P. S.—Since writing the above, my wife has found the soap under the counter.'

## Fun Never Sets on American Soil.

It is the proud boast of the Briton that the fun never sets on American soil. Some one of a geographical turn of mind has said the same in respect to the United States' possessions, putting it in this way: 'It is a fact known to all that the fun never sets on American soil. When it is 6 p. m. at Attu Island, Alaska, it is 9 a. m. the next day on the coast of Maine.' Who can say if the statement in quotations is strictly accurate?

## HISTORY MADE BY LUCK.

Many Notable Events Have Occurred Because of Trivial Happenings.

Dr. LaFerry, of New Orleans, recently delivered a lecture on 'Face's Luck of Luck.' The doctor told how two English nobles, at a restaurant in Paris, by their encores drove Marat out of service as a waiter and through this accident Marat became marshal of France and king of Naples. Samples of lucky accidents were numerous in ancient and modern history, and there were also many examples that went to show how many of the ancients believe in good luck or good fortune. Napoleon had luck of bringing on an attack of sick headache through eating onion and lamb against the advice of his physician.

In 1864 a quarrel between Conkling and Blaine decided the presidency of the United States many years afterward when Blaine ran against Cleveland.

Abraham Lincoln, after being a member of congress, desired to secure a clerkship in Washington, but he was defeated by Justin Butterfield. He was disappointed, but had he not been defeated he would have spent his life in obscurity instead of becoming president of the United States.

Oliver Cromwell was once on board a ship bound for America, but he was taken back by a constable, and the result was that he became one of the greatest men England ever knew.

Clydes Grant would not have been a military man had it not been that the allied with I rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harris street Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another attack.

"It came upon me again very acute and severe," he said. "My joints swelling and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease and pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both. I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swelling extant. For sale by Moore & Orme."

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## Wool Carding.

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"For fully two years, I suffered from rheumatism, and was frequently in such a condition that I could hardly walk. I spent some time in Hot Springs, Ark., and the treatment helped me for the time being, but soon the complaint returned and I was as badly afflicted as ever. Ayer's Sarsaparilla being recommended, I resolved to try it, and, after using six bottles, I was completely cured."—P. H. FORD, Quachita City, La.

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